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Addendum

Programme questions: proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017

(*item 3 (a)*)

Report of the Secretary-General on consolidated changes to the biennial programme plan as reflected in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017

Programme 8
Least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States

1. At its 14th meeting, on 12 June 2015, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered the report of the Secretary-General on consolidated changes to the biennial programme plan as reflected in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 (A/70/80).

2. Representatives of the Secretary-General introduced the programme and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

3. Support was expressed for the implementation of the Vienna Programme of Action for Landlocked Developing Countries for the Decade 2014-2024, the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway and the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020.

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4. Reference was made to paragraph 9 of General Assembly resolution 55/231 on results-based budgeting, in which the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to ensure that, in presenting the programme budget, expected accomplishments and, where possible, indicators of achievement were included to measure achievements in the implementation of the programmes of the Organization and not those of individual Member States. In that regard, several delegations expressed concern that the indicators of achievement contained in the programme's strategic framework did not abide by that mandate because they directly measured the achievements of Member States. Delegations further expressed concern at what they perceived as an attribution gap, namely that "high-level" achievements were the result of many factors and could not be linked to contributions of the United Nations directly.

5. On subprogramme 2, Landlocked developing countries, one delegation sought clarification on the inclusion of servicing the high-level political forum on sustainable development as an output (see A/70/6 (Sect. 10), para. 10.44 (a) (ii)), asking in particular whether resources would be allocated only to servicing those aspects of the forum dealing with issues pertaining to landlocked developing countries and not to subprogrammes 1, Least developed countries, and 3, Small island developing States. It was suggested that, were all three subprogrammes to be allocated resources, the document should be adjusted for consistency.

6. Clarification was also sought as to what extent the increased priority areas in the Vienna Programme of Action, as compared with the priority areas in the Almaty Programme of Action: Addressing the Special Needs of Landlocked Developing Countries within a New Global Framework for Transit Transport Cooperation for Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries, had been reflected in the strategic framework of subprogramme 2. Explanations were sought regarding several aspects of the subprogramme, including the meaning of the term "structural transformation" used in indicator of achievement (b) (iii) and the definition of "private sector collaboration" that would be used in evaluating indicator of achievement (c) (iv).

7. In relation to subprogramme 3, Small island developing States, one delegation pointed out that the twenty-first session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change would not be held until December 2015 and that it was therefore premature to refer to it in indicator of achievement (b). Another delegation sought clarification on indicator of achievement (e), in particular how "United Nations processes" would be evaluated.

Conclusions and recommendations

8. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly should approve the changes to the narrative of programme 8, Least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States, as set out in the report of the Secretary-General (A/70/80) and in section 10, Least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 (A/70/6 (Sect. 10)), subject to the following modifications:**

Subprogramme 2
Landlocked developing countries

Indicators of achievement

Renumber indicator of achievement (a) as (a) (i) and amend it to read as follows: "(i) Increased number of landlocked developing countries supported by the United Nations system to mainstream the Vienna Programme of Action into their national development strategies".

Add a new indicator of achievement (a) (ii), reading: "(ii) Increased number of Member States supported by the United Nations system to mainstream the Vienna Programme of Action".

Replace indicator of achievement (b) (iii) with the following: "(iii) Increased number of initiatives undertaken and/or facilitated by the United Nations system that effectively support economic structural transformation in landlocked developing countries, in accordance with the Vienna Programme of Action".

Replace indicator of achievement (c) (iii) with the following: "(iii) Increased number of initiatives undertaken and/or facilitated by the United Nations system resulting in South-South and triangular cooperation involving landlocked developing countries".

Replace indicator of achievement (c) (iv) with the following: "(iv) Increased number of initiatives undertaken and/or facilitated by the United Nations system resulting in transparent, effective and accountable private sector collaboration with landlocked developing countries".

Subprogramme 3
Small island developing States

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

Replace expected accomplishment (e) with the following: "(e) Enhanced coherence, within the United Nations system, among processes relating to small island developing States, including at the national, regional and global levels".

Indicators of achievement

Replace indicator of achievement (b) with the following: "(b) Increased number of development partners that pledge support for small island developing States, including through the climate change financing mechanisms, such as the Green Climate Fund, the Global Environment Facility and the Climate Investment Funds".

Replace indicator of achievement (e) with the following: "Increased consolidation of processes, within the United Nations system, relating to small island developing States".